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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6080
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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DEPT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : PFOR, IZ, US
SUBJECT : IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

REF: TOSEC 40168, SECTO 4105

1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI, WHO HAS LEFT
TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TRIPOLI,
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LIBYA, I SPOKE TO MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHUBBASH
MORNING OF MAY 16 ABOUT FORTHCOMING VISIT OF UNDER SECRE-
TARY HABIB TO BAGHDAD. I SAID THAT THIS REFLECTED THE ADMIN-
ISTRATION'S DESIRE FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS THROUGHOUT
WORLD AND THAT WE WERE RESPONDING TO RECENT SIGNS OF IRAQI
INTEREST TO HAVE MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH US. I ALSO SAID
WE FELT THAT MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US WOULD ENCOUR-

AGE IRAQ TOWARD A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE GK GULF ISSUES.

2. GHUBBASH WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR THE ADVANCE WORD ON HABIB'S VISIT WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD PASS ON PROMPTLY TO UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID. HE SAID UAE VIEWED THIS AS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE GESTURE ON PART OF USG AND WAS MOST WELCOME HERE. UAE WAS AWARE OF GROWING TRADING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND IRAQ IN RECENT YEARS AND HE BELIEVED THAT NORMALIZATION OF IRAQI-US RELATIONS WOULD NOT ONLY ASSIST US EFFORTS TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BUT ENCOURAGE IRAQI REGIME TO FOCUS MORE OF ITS ATTENTION ON DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF EXPATRIATE IRAQI ADVISORS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ROYAL DIWAN, UAE VERY ATTUNED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ. BELIEVE UAE LEADERS WILL SEE HABIB VISIT AS A VERY POSITIVE STEP.

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